

CLAIMS:

1. A device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library, comprising:
 - a) an electronic medical reference, designated by title, displayed for electronic
5 selection;
 - b) a list of individual diagnoses, to be displayed for electronic selection after
electronic selection of the electronic reference;
 - c) a navigation bar, displayed after electronic selection of an individual diagnosis,
having representative buttons located thereon for electronic selection;
 - 10 d) a list of key facts, related to a selected individual diagnosis, having a
representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after an individual
diagnosis is electronically selected or after having its representative button
selected on the navigation bar; and
 - e) an image, illustrating a representative view of an individually selected diagnosis,
15 having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after having its
representative button selected on the navigation bar.
2. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1,
wherein the list of diagnoses is displayed in alphabetical listing.
- 20 3. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1,
wherein the list of diagnoses is displayed in alphabetical listing based upon a particular
category of diagnosis.

4. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a picture legend, displayed after electronic selection of a legend button displayed on the displayed picture.

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5. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a list of images related to a selected individual diagnosis, having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after having its representative button selected on the navigation bar.

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6. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a list of differential diagnoses, related to a selected individual diagnosis, having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after having its representative button selected on the navigation bar.

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7. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a list of pathology information, related to a selected individual diagnosis, having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after having its representative button selected on the navigation bar.

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8. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a list of clinical issues information, related to a selected individual diagnosis, having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after having its representative button selected on the navigation bar.

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9. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a list of selected references information, related to a selected individual diagnosis, having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after having its representative button selected on the navigation bar.

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10. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a note page that allows a user to add personal notes that are permanently related to a selected individual diagnosis.

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11. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1, further comprising a notes beaming function, that allows a user to send personal notes to another user of a portable electronic medical reference library that has the same electronic medical reference book title.

12. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1,
further comprising an electronic medical reference beaming function, that allows an
original user to send a selected electronic medical reference to a second user that has a
personal digital assistant so the second user can use the selected electronic medical
5 reference for a specified period of time before being disabled.

13. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 12,
further comprising a function that allows the second user to receive authorization for the
continued use of the beamed selected electronic medical reference sent from the original
10 user.

14. A device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge, comprising:

- a) an electronic body of knowledge, designated by title, displayed for electronic selection;
- b) a list of individual categories of knowledge, related to the reference selected, to be
5 displayed for electronic selection after electronic selection of the electronic reference;
- c) a navigation bar, displayed after electronic selection of an individual category of knowledge, having representative buttons located thereon for electronic selection;
- d) a list of key facts, related to a selected individual category of knowledge, having a
10 representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after an individual category of knowledge is electronically selected or after having its representative button selected on the navigation bar; and
- e) an image, illustrating a representative view of an individually selected category of knowledge, having a representative button on the navigation bar, displayed after
15 having its representative button selected on the navigation bar.

15. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14, further comprising an electronic beaming function, that allows an original user to send a selected electronic body of knowledge, as designated by title, to a second user that has a
20 personal digital assistant so the second user can use the selected body of knowledge for a specified period of time before being disabled.

16. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 15,
further comprising a function that allows the second user to receive authorization for the
continued use of the beamed information sent from the original user.

5 17. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
further comprising a note page that allows a user to add personal notes that are
permanently related to a selected category of knowledge.

18. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
10 further comprising a notes beaming function, that allows a user to send personal notes to
another user of a portable electronic library of knowledge that contains the same
electronic body of knowledge.

19. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
15 wherein the electronic library of knowledge is related to a professional area of practice
requiring recognition of a visual item to assist a professional in making a decision.

20. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 19,
wherein the professional area of practice is medicine.

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21. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 19,
wherein the professional area of practice is engineering.

22. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 19,
wherein the professional area of practice is automobile maintenance and repair.

23. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
5 wherein the professional area of practice is accounting.

24. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
wherein the professional area of practice is chemistry.

10 25. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
wherein the professional area of practice is visual art.

26. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
wherein the professional area of practice is law.

15 27. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
wherein the professional area of practice is business.

28. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
20 wherein the professional area of practice is language.

29. The device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference library of claim 1,
wherein the device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference is a personal
digital assistant.

5 30. The device for storing and managing an electronic library of knowledge of claim 14,
wherein the device for storing and managing an electronic medical reference is a personal
digital assistant.